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BRILLIANT OCCASION.

First Annual Commencement

Of the Punta Gorda High School.

DELIGHTED CROWDS ATTEND THE CLOSING EXERCISES.

NOTE.—Tuesday night's report is here repeated from the second page of the paper for the purpose of supplying the demand for extra copies containing a full report.—Ed.]

The city hall was filled to overflowing on Tuesday evening with the friends of the pupils of the public schools who came to witness the exercises of the first evening of the commencement.

The program opened with the playing of "Shenandoah March" by the orchestra, which was composed of Mr. Harry Goldstein, first violin; Capt. K. B. Harvey, clarinet; Mr. H. M. Higgins, piano; Mrs. K. B. Harvey, piano. Their music was much enjoyed throughout the evening.

Mr. W. P. Marshall delivered the address of welcome. This gentleman said in part that the past year had been a critical one in the history of the public schools of Punta Gorda. It was a year of advancement in the schools. It was the first year of actual junior high school work. But he believed that ere long the Punta Gorda schools would equal any schools of the same grade in the country. Mr. Marshall then paid a well deserved tribute to the teachers who had worked so faithfully to drill and prepare the pupils during the year and for the evening's entertainment and retired amid applause.

"We Are a Merry Set of Boys," was well sung by the boys of the fifth and sixth grades. Masters George Dewey, Jesse Hill, Bruce Camp, James Cooper, Hammond Stetson, Neptunus Newsome, Willie Demere, Oakley Rickman, Thomas Griggs, Kingsmore Johnson, Oscar Thomas, Charles Curry, James Sandlin and Ira Davis.

"The Trials of a Country Editor" delighted the audience as was evidenced by repeated laughter. Ira Davis, the editor and chief of "The Banner," with Tom Hobson as assistant, were good in their parts. Carl Fries as Mr. Smith, Nathan Wakefield as Postmaster, Julian Jordan as Joe White, Marion Willis as Mr. Scott with his big whip and Miss Blanche Addison as Miss Parrott, played their roles well.

"The Noblest Hero," by the fourth grade pupils, was presented by Misses Della Warren and Maggie Rusk and Masters John Hill, Shine Tyson, Braxton Blount, Clarence Gatewood and Charley Griggs. This piece won much applause. The orchestra rendered the schottische "Don't Forget to Tell Me That You Love Me, Honey."

Then followed a dialogue entitled "The Gossips," by four girls from the fifth grade, Ellen Armstrong, Ruby Tucker, Minnie Bateman and Claire Sheffield. This was one of the brightest performances of the evening and received much applause.

Next the girls of the seventh and eighth grades presented a drama, "Young Dr. Divine." Those participating in this were Misses Kate Duane, Ellen Cooper, Nellie Linsquith, Blanche Addison, Libbie Pexa, Emily Whitten, Maggie Rusk and Beatrice Meshaw. The young ladies showed careful training with excellent results.

Miss Libbie Pexa recited "The Wreck of the Hesperus" in a pleasing manner. Then the seventh and eighth grade boys and girls sang the popular song "Tessie," receiving the only encore of the evening.

One of the prettiest features of the entertainment was a fan drill, participated in by twelve girls, Lemmie Bateman, Ruth Brown, Claire Sheffield, Della Lewis, Ruby Tucker, Loren Johnson, Nellie Hall, Undine Jordan, Susie Hall, Lillie Taylor, Ellen Armstrong and Lena Whidden. These drills are always very popular with Punta Gorda audiences, and the one on this occasion was fully appreciated and admired.

The songs of the fifth and sixth grades, "List, 'Tis Music Stealing," and the "Twilight Song" were both well sung and well received by the audience. Miss Lillie Taylor gave a pleasing recitation entitled "Lines to Kate," using the blackboard to show the qualities of the different Kates. This performance was well delivered and was a very happy variation on the usual recitation.

An amusing one-act farce entitled "Box and Fox," was given in a spirited manner by Miss Emily Whitten, Vernon Jordan and Arthur Roe. The audience was highly delighted with this performance as was evidenced by the prolonged applause which followed it. All of the dialogues as given by the different grades show careful training and much work on the part of teachers and pupils.

The last recitation of the evening was given by Miss Ellen Cooper, and was a most creditable performance. Miss Cooper showed natural ease and grace in speaking and "Lasca," as delivered by her, was a pleasing feature of an entertainment whose every number was enjoyable.

A well satisfied audience left the hall to the strains of the Symphonia waltzes discoursed by the orchestra in its usual pleasing manner.

On Wednesday morning the closing exercises from the lower grades of the school attracted a large and appreciative

audience. The program began at 10 o'clock with an opening speech by Master Fra Concanon, which was delivered in a very taking manner.

The pupils of the fifth and sixth grades then sang "The Fire Brigade" with spirit and life.

Three very pretty drills formed a part of this program. All showed careful and painstaking training and were well rendered.

A doll drill, in which the little girls carried their dollies and sang to them, was given by the following girls from the first grade: Beulah Gaskill, Mamie Googe, Ruth Johns, Nita Tillis, Eunice Davis, Leona Leggett, Leta Leggett, Blanche Cox, Ruth Hayman, Rosalie Blount, Nellie Gatewood and Donna Howard.

Nine girls in Japanese costume gave a pretty exercise. These were from the third grade as follows: Rena Armstrong, Mabel Demere, Nannie May Rickman, Irene Gallagher, Ethel Oliver, Helen Huffman and Maud Rickerson.

The tambourine drill by the pupils of the second and third grades was much more elaborate than either of the preceding and was well given, receiving well merited commendation. Those participating in this drill were: Jessie Bassett, Mattie Brenzell, Bessie Sandlin, Minnie Bateman, Lennie Spence, Bertha Keene, Mary Sandlin, Mabel Armstrong, Luc Windham, Dora Johns, Leta Willis and Ruby Rasch.

The recitations on this program were particularly good. "Papa Was Stumped" by Delzell Johnson; "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight," by Lennie Spence; "The Girl and the Woman," by Bernice Mc Bride; "A Little Girl's Lament," by Bessie Sandlin; "An Obliging Sister," by Lucille Windham; "A Yankee in Love," by Sallie Jones; "When Mamma Was a Little Girl," by Jessie Bassett, were all delivered in a most creditable manner, much above the ordinary productions of pupils of these grades.

Ferguson Jones recited "A Solum Fac" in a bright and pleasing way. All the other boys who were named on the program were hindered by sickness or other causes from being present and taking their parts. Hoyt Rasch, Carl Concanon, Lyman Parker and Joe Gatewood were thus omitted. In the place of one of these was given "A Kentucky Watermelon," a character sketch in "color," which brought down the house. John Newsome and Sephus King, from the third grade, personated "The Old Colored Man and His Naughty Boy."

A second song by the fifth and sixth grades, "My Old Kentucky Home," was sung very sweetly, and a dialogue by Malve McCann, Susie Hall, May Alderman, Loren Johnson and Della Wade, from the fifth grade, rendered in a pleasing manner, completed this part of the program.

Mr. M. H. Smith, principal of the school, then presented certificates of promotion to all who had passed satisfactory examinations in each grade from the first up to and including the seventh. This completed the morning program.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The second evening's program of the commencement exercises was given to fully as crowded and appreciative a house as the first. The first part of the entertainment was given by the undergraduates, the second was by the graduating class. After the invocation by Rev. Mr. Honiker and an opening march by the orchestra, a spirited little drama, "Keeping up Appearances," was given by Misses Anna Pexa, Beatrice Meshaw, Arthur Roe and Vernon Jordan. All the parts were well taken, and a very useful lesson was inculcated in a pleasing manner.

The second drama was "My Wife's Mother," given by Misses Pearl Stephens, Anna Pexa and Leon Griggs. This also showed careful training and was well received by the audience.

Mr. Harry Goldstein and Master Oakley Rickman then rendered a beautiful violin duet, which received much applause.

The graduating exercises proper were then introduced by an appropriate address by Principal M. H. Smith. He referred to the trials and triumphs of the year just closing, spoke of what had been accomplished and what yet remained to be done. He also acknowledged the services and support of the Board of Trustees and of the grade teachers, and in closing addressed a few fitting remarks to the graduating class.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees Mr. W. P. Marshall then presented certificates of promotion from the grammar grades into the High School to four pupils, two young men and two young ladies.

Then came the crowning feature of the week's exercises, when the two members of the graduating class, Miss Ruby Hill and Miss Ida Pexa, delivered their graduating essays. Miss Hill had chosen for her subject "Florida," and she gave a well written paper on this subject so interesting to Floridians. She spoke first of the physical origin and structure of the State, and gave an eloquent description of its natural beauties of land and water and tropical vegetation and animal life. She then gave a historical sketch from the time of discovery to the present, and paid a fitting tribute to the brave soldiers of Florida. The close of this praiseworthy paper was a resume of the present condition of Florida, of which the writer took an optimistic view. Miss Hill's effort was a very commendable one and was deserving of the praise which it

received.

After music, Miss Pexa was introduced and read her essay on "A School Boy Fifty Years Ago." This paper was very smoothly written and well delivered. It was a comparison between school life of fifty years ago and that of today, and not always to the disadvantage of the former, especially in the results. The writer spoke at first of the discomforts and inconveniences of the old time school houses, describing them at length, and gave an outline of the studies of fifty years ago. She told of the life of the school children both in school and in their work and play outside of school, all of which was most interesting and instructive. In closing she dwelt on the outcome of the school work of fifty years ago as compared with that of today, arriving at the conclusion that men and women just as noble came forth from the little log school houses as from our modern, convenient and well equipped schools. Great praise is due Miss Pexa for her pleasing performance.

Mr. W. P. Marshall then, in a fitting address, presented the diplomas to these two graduates, paying a glowing tribute to the work done by the public schools of our country.

The pronouncing of the benediction closed the first annual commencement of the Punta Gorda High School, of which our citizens may justly feel proud.

Great praise is due the orchestra, which freely contributed its services and aided so much in making the entertainment successful. Their music was both artistic and beautiful and was much enjoyed by the audience.

EDITOR HERALD:—Will you allow me through THE HERALD to say how much I appreciate the good work of Professor Smith and the teachers in our school during the past year as shown in the exhibit at the Trunka building, also by the exercises on Tuesday night. In every number it only showed what could be done if the teachers had more conveniences. Respectfully,

THOMAS J. FURDUE.

THE HERALD is greatly indebted to a talented lady for the excellent report of the High School commencement.

Principal Smith, on behalf of the teachers and pupils of the High School, wishes to thank Messrs. B. M. Wade & Co. for a highly appreciated treat of a glass of delicious soda water given to every teacher and pupil Wednesday.

Miss Norma Pepper, on Wednesday afternoon, gave a delightful "porch party" to the pupils of her department of the High School. It took place on the veranda of Col. Pepper's residence on Retta Esplanade and lasted from 4 till 6 o'clock. Entertaining games were indulged in and cake, ice cream and watermelons were served. The young ladies and gentlemen of Miss Norma's classes who were so fortunate as to be present, enjoyed the occasion immensely and are very grateful to their thoughtful and accomplished hostess for one of the most delightful events of their lives.

Mr. J. W. Turner, of Trubart, Va., says that Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have done him more good than anything he could get from the doctor. If any physician in this country was able to compound a medicine that would produce such gratifying results in cases of stomach troubles, biliousness or constipation, his whole time would be used in preparing this one medicine. For sale by all druggists.

Mr. J. J. Purdon, superintendent of this division of the Coast Line, died in Jacksonville at 5 o'clock, yesterday morning. No details received. The report reaches THE HERALD too late for an extended notice.

For sick headache take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and, a quick cure is certain. For sale by all druggists.

IN TUESDAY'S PRIMARY,
Vote for
Jas. P. Taliaferro
for
United States Senator.

Ducks and Geese.
Do geese "quack"? No," says the observant critic; "geese do not quack, but they squack." It is the ducks that quack, and the story of the goose going about from day to day with a "quack, quack, quack," is declared to be without good foundation. There is, indeed, quite a difference in the vocabulary of these feathered creatures, but it requires a sharp ear to discover the difference.

The Cost.
Laura—I don't know, George. It seems such a solemn thing to marry. Have you counted the cost? George—The cost, Laura? The cost? Bless me, I've got a clergyman cousin that'll marry us for nothing!

A Practical Connoisseur.
Mrs. Colminger—What a beautiful collection of antiques you have, my dear! Mrs. Parvum—I should be. My husband knows all about such things and had them made to order.—Judge.

EARNEST APPEAL

To the Patriotic Voters of the State of Florida.

COMMISSIONER R. HUDSON BURR SOUNDS WARNING.

Asks the Young Men to Save the State While It Is Yet Possible. A Strong Letter.

Tallahassee, May 20, 1904.
The results of the second primary, to be held June 7th, will be the most momentous in their effect on the political and industrial future of Florida of any political contest ever waged in the South.

May 10th witnessed the operation of one of the most stupendous and daring efforts ever made by organized wealth and the Standard Oil trust to throttle the voice of the people of Florida by the lavish and overpowering use of money in debauching voters and leaders of public sentiment in many counties of this State.

While several thousand men voted conscientiously and uninfluenced for Senator Taliaferro, thousands more yielded to the glamour of money, the glittering promise of future reward or preferment, or gave their support to Senator Taliaferro in exchange for promised support of their own candidacy, or that of their friends.

The whole operation was demoralizing in the extreme, but today we find the Democracy of Florida blessed with an opportunity to rise in emphatic protest against the means and methods by which thousands of voters were misled into casting their votes for Senator Taliaferro.

I, for one, cannot believe that the loyal Democracy of this State will, on the 7th day of June, say to our sons and to the young men of Florida that unless they bow and bend the knee to corporate influence and organized wealth they can have no hope of a political future.

I cannot believe that the Democracy of Florida will sacrifice a man whose life has been one unending battle for the cause of the masses in their struggle against the encroachments of railroad and trust influence in Florida.

Not for one moment will I permit myself to believe that we will go to the polls on June 7th, and, by the casting of our ballots, say to the young men of this State, and to the world, that Florida Democrats place money above manhood, or that we will declare by our ballots that the political principles for which John N. C. Stockton has fought in season and out of season for twenty-five years are to be surrendered by the people of Florida at the demand of the Standard Oil and corporation interests that today are making their final and supreme effort to secure control of our State politics.

In the name of every future hope of the young manhood of Florida, I appeal to the true Democrats in every county in this State to arouse, organize, and make a determined stand against the overwhelming danger that threatens. Money will be everywhere, and promises alluring will abound, but heed them not.

Remember, that with a Senator at Washington for six years who owes his support and influence to the trusts whose avarice and power oppress you and possibly a Governor at Tallahassee, who will be under the influence of the railway corporations of the State for the next four years, such a machine will be built up over this great commonwealth that in two years from now they will elect two railroad representatives as Railroad Commissioners, and in four years more the producers of Florida will be hopelessly enthralled.

Do not let the glamour of great appropriations blind your eyes to the paramount need of every producer in Florida to have the Interstate Commerce Commission so strengthened by enlargement of power, as to enable us to secure competitive transportation rates with California and Mississippi, rival producing states. Remember that for six years Senator Taliaferro has not lifted his finger or raised his voice to bring this needed relief to the producers and consumers of Florida. Appropriations for seaports always—relief and help for the interior, never.

If Standard Oil influence and the lavish use of money are to be permitted to say who your Senator and Governor will be on June 7th, how can you hope for men to come to the front four years hence, when the money power will have become so entrenched as to be well nigh impregnable?

Again I appeal to the manhood of Florida to awake and assert itself while there is hope and victory in sight; and let it not be said that this State has surrendered, without heroic struggle, to the power of wealth.

With full faith that the loyal Democrats of this State will meet and settle this issue while they yet have an opportunity to do so, I am yours for the cause of the common people.

R. HUDSON BURR.

Condensed Milk Lacks Water.
Steam emanating from boiling milk if condensed would become water. This may be seen in the manufacture of condensed milk, which is only ordinary milk boiled down until the water is out of it. If a liquid which contains solid bodies in solution be evaporated, the solids are left behind. That this is so may be shown by adding to water that is to be distilled a trace of magenta and a little salt. The distilled water has no taste and is colorless. The magenta is generally deposited upon the sides of the boiling vessel.

VOTE NEXT TUESDAY

For the man

Who has never lied to you;

Has never deceived You

Nor tried to do so;

Who has always been loyal to his people

and his party; Never bolted a Democratic

Convention; Never voted wrong on any

public question;—the man

Whose Bitterest

Enemies Find

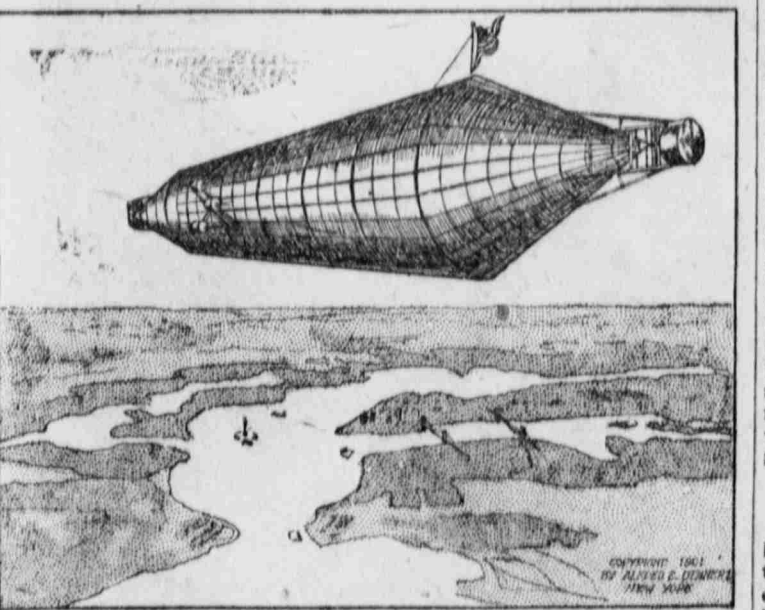
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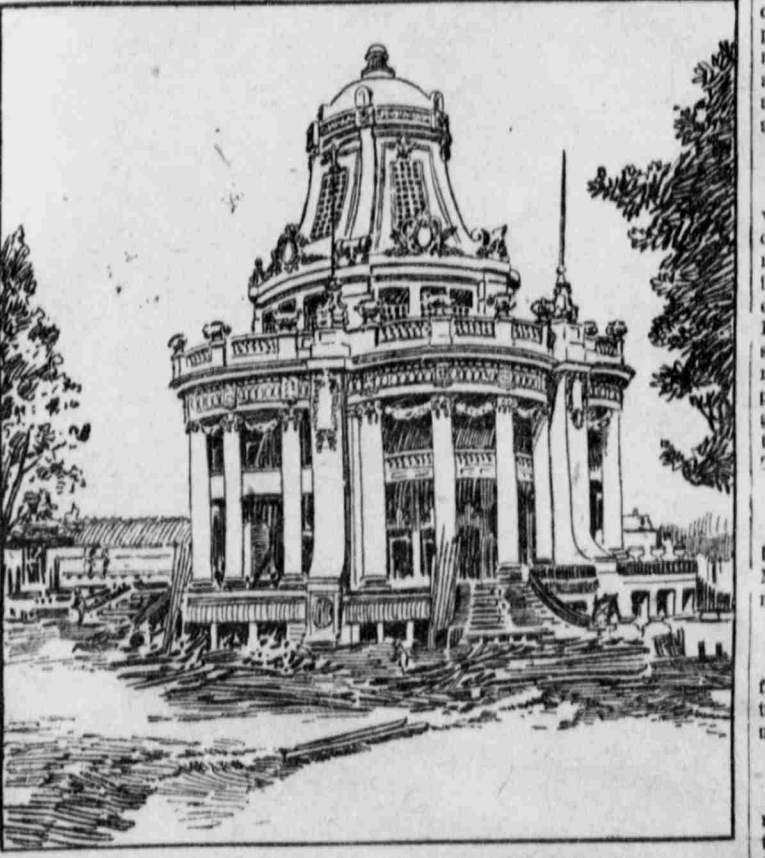
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That Man Is
ROBERT W. DAVIS,

The People's Candidate for Governor.



ONE OF THE AIRSHIPS WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT AIRSHIP TOURNAMENT OF THE WORLD'S FAIR.



RESTAURANT PAVILION, WORLD'S FAIR. One of the twin structures terminating the Colonnade of States, of which the Festival Hall is the central figure.

A WISE OLD FOX.

One Who For a Long Time Cleverly Hid the Hounds.

In common with other people who have looked after fox coverts I have often been puzzled by the disappearance of well known foxes and have become convinced that the more intelligent foxes, after they have been before hounds several times, often turn their wits to account to avoid being hunted. In a small covert that I know well there was always a fox. A fine big fellow he was. I have more than once met him when taking an early ride as he loped quietly homeward after his night's foraging. He never seemed to mind being seen. When the season opened he gave us one or two capital runs, on the second occasion only just saving his brush by scrambling into an unstopped drain in our neighbor's territory. After that he was never to be found when hounds came. Yet he was seen about as usual at other times. One day when walking near the covert one of the terriers, who knew all about foxes, took a line to an old tree in the hedgerow and began to whimper and scratch at the roots. A careful examination showed nothing. The tree was not difficult to climb. It proved to have a hollow trunk, and there, at the bottom, was my friend curled up fast asleep. His mask smiled on me as I wrote. After a seven mile point and on a good scenting day he met his fate.—Country Life.

MARVELS OF MEMORY.

Feats of Famous Men That Seem Almost Beyond Belief.

Some examples of the marvels of memory would seem entirely incredible had they not been given to us upon the highest authority. Cyrus knew the name of each soldier in his army. It is also related of Themistocles that he could tell by name every citizen of Athens, although the number amounted to 20,000. Mithridates, king of Pontus, knew all his 80,000 soldiers by their right names.

Scipio knew all the inhabitants of Rome. Seneca complained of old age because he could not, as formerly, repeat 2,000 names in the order in which they were read to him, and he stated that on one occasion, when at his studies, 200 unconnected verses having been recited by the different pupils of his preceptor, he repeated them in a reverse order, proceeding from the last to the first.

Thomas Crammer committed to memory in three months an entire translation of the Bible. Euler, the mathematician, could repeat the "Aeneid," and Leibnitz, when an old man, could recite the whole of Virgil, word for word. It is said that Bossuet could repeat not only the whole Bible, but all of Homer, Virgil and Horace, besides many other works.

THE SCIENCE OF A LIGHT.

Cheap Acetylene Gas Lamps Discovered by an Accident.

Cheap common acetylene gas lamps discovered by accident. Willson, a scientific experimenter, believed that nearly all metallic oxides could be reduced to a metallic state by heating them to an extremely high temperature by the voltaic arc in the presence of free carbon. Aluminum had been successfully reduced in this way. Mr. Willson wished to obtain metallic calcium. He therefore mixed a quantity of quicklime with pulverized coke and brought the mixture to a high temperature by the action of the voltaic arc. He expected to obtain a white metal, but instead he appeared to produce nothing but slag. This was thrown into the yard, and one day at noon while the boys were having their luncheon they picked up these bits of slag and threw them at each other. One piece fell into a pail of water and produced a bubbling effect and a strong odor. This attracted Mr. Willson's attention, and upon investigation he found that the strong smelling gas was extremely inflammable. Further investigation revealed that it was pure acetylene gas.—Sir Hiram Maxim in Harper's Weekly.

The Healthful Uphill Walk.

The best way to get oxygen into the blood is to walk a mile uphill two or three times a day, keeping the mouth closed and expanding the nostrils. This beats all other methods. During a walk every drop of blood in the body will make the circuit of the lungs and stream, red and pure, back to its appointed work of cleansing and repairing worn-out tissues. Recreation piers are coming into use at seaports, and people are being advised to use balconies and fire escapes in the fresh air treatment of consumption. The uphill walk, as a prophylactic and curative measure in many chronic ailments dependent upon a weak condition of the heart, lungs and blood vessels, would prove invaluable.—Medical Brief.

When Digestion Is Perfect.

Moderation in diet has more to do with prolonging human life than any other one thing. A proper dietetic regimen, once attained, brings all the rest in its train. Sleep, exercise, cleanliness, equanimity of spirit, all hang upon it. Life is not only prolonged, but is constantly enjoyed more of its minor annoyances vanishing when digestion is perfect. Pay no attention to fads. They give rise to too much introspection, and that is bad for every one.—Roger S. Tracy in Century.

The Boston Maid.

Mary—I think I like the boss' coat; I'm made to order. Mistress—Well, Mary, you certainly are not a ready maid article.—Boston Transcript.

They All Do.

Mother—Dickie, what do you want for a birthday present? Dickie—I want to be my own boss.—Indianapolis Journal.

A Scotch Tooth.

Dentist (after struggling for twenty minutes in a vain endeavor to extract the tooth)—I must say you—you have the firmest tooth I ever had to deal with. Patient—I'm in a hurry. I've graun' practice for ye, an' it'll teach ye that we maun a' work for our life.—